

Peace UCC
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Traveling Lightly: A Journey Through Lent
Food and Water— what sustains us

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together: Lani Smith
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: As we go on our Lenten journey, we need a reminder give us strength.

Many: God's grace will sustain us

One: As we come to a table, praying if there is enough even for us:

Many: God's grace will sustain us

One: But the Table of Love is wider than our deepest imagining, and gives us all that we need for the journey ahead.

Many: God's grace will sustain us

One: Then we will share in the feast that God prepares. Amen

Opening Response "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" Mark A. Miller

Prayer of Invocation

Words: Ruth Duck **Music:** Wild Mountain Thyme, Irish Folk Tune

**Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

The Witness of Music Instrumental Ensemble

"Ave verum corpus" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart arr. Wesley Hanson

Readings

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

And the Table Will Be Wide by Jan Richardson

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.
And we will taste and know of delight.
And we will become bread for a hungering world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere will be the feast.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Jacob Nault

Hymn "Come to the Table of Grace" Barabara Hamm

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking
that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ
in our midst, indeed, in one another.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Pray of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal.
We go from here renewed in faith,
renewed in courage,
and strengthened by your presence.
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us
to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

Postlude "Our Refuge and Strength" Donald F. Callender
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